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1. OUR RESPONSE TO PARAGRAPH 2 REF A IS PROVIDED IN TWO ALTERNATIVE VERSIONS OWING TO UNCERTAIN AVAILABILITY SITUATION FOR F-5A'S AND F-5B'S REQUESTED BY KENYA. FIRST VERSION IS BASED ON ASSUMPTION THAT USED F-5A/B'S CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE -- AN ASSUMPTION WHICH NOW SEEMS DUBIOUS (SEE REF B), BUT WAS UNDOUBTEDLY USED TO DETERMINE FUNDING LEVELS REPORTED REF A. SECOND VERSION IS BASED ON ENTIRELY DIFFERENT OUTLOOK WHICH WOULD PREVAIL IF KENYA DECIDED TO SEEK NEW F-5E'S AND F-5F'S. WE HAVE NOT ATTEMPTED TO ESTIMATE MAP AND FMS UTILIZATION UNDER THIRD POSSIBLE SITUATION, I.E., KENYAN DECISION TO ABANDON EFFORTS ACQUIRE SUPERSONIC AIRCRAFT FROM U.S. AND USE AVAILABLE RESOURCES MAINLY FOR GROUND FORCES EQUIPMENT.

2. FIRST VERSION OF FY 76 FMS UTILIZATION ASSUMES USED F-5A/B'S AVAILABLE; IT FURTHER ASSUMES THAT FY 75 FMS CREDIT WILL HAVE BEEN UTILIZED FOR ACQUISITION AND DE-
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LIVERY OF 10 F-5A'S AND 2 F-5B'S (\$1.5 MILLION), RE-

CONDITIONING OF AIRCRAFT (\$1.0 MILLION), AGE FOR AIRCRAFT (\$1.5 MILLION), SPARE PARTS FOR AIRCRAFT (\$0.83 MILLION) AND 1 SPARE ENGINE WITHOUT AFTERBURNER (\$0.17 MILLION). WE WOULD THEN PROPOSE FY 76 FUNDS OF \$2.0 MILLION BE ALLOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

RECONDITIONING OF 10 F-5A'S AND 2 F-5B'S	\$700,000
NAVIGATION MODIFICATIONS OF ABOVE TO VHF/VOR/ILS	\$500,000
TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR ABOVE (MTT, ETC.)	\$300,000
2 SPARE ENGINES W/O AFTERBURNER	\$330,000
AIRCRAFT SPARE PARTS	\$170,000

THIS WOULD LEAVE FOLLOWING MINIMUM AMOUNTS TO BE FUNDED IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS: FURTHER RECONDITIONING -- \$700,000, AGE -- \$900,000, AIRCRAFT SPARE PARTS -- \$4.0 MILLION, 5 SPARE ENGINES WITH AFTERBURNER -- \$1.0 MILLION, TECHNICAL SERVICES -- \$360,000, TOTAL \$6.96 MILLION PLUS BALANCE OF COST (UNKNOWN) OF NAVIGATION MODIFICATION. ALL ABOVE ESTIMATES DRAWN FROM USAF SURVEY TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS DATED JUNE 25, 1975 (WHITAKER REPORT), COPIES OF WHICH ARE IN POSSESSION OF ADDRESSEES.

3. SECOND VERSION OF FY 76 FMS CREDIT UTILIZATION WOULD PREVAIL IF USED AIRCRAFT UNAVAILABLE AND KENYA DECIDED TO ORDER NEW F-5E'S AND F-5F'S. THIS COURSE OF ACTION HAS NOT BEEN FORMALLY DISCUSSED WITH GOK SINCE WE HAVE NOT YET GIVEN KENYANS DEFINITIVE ANSWER ON AVAILABILITY OF F-5A'S. IF NEW AIRCRAFT WERE CHOSEN, ALL FY 76 AND FY 76 FMS CREDITS WOULD BE UTILIZED FOR PROGRESS PAYMENTS ON 10 NEW F-5E'S AND 2 NEW F-5F'S, TOGETHER WITH SPARES AND AGE. MANUFACTURER ESTIMATES TOTAL COST OF SUCH A PACKAGE WOULD BE \$60 MILLION, FOR WHICH WE WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND HIGHER LEVEL OF FINANCING IN FY 76 (REF B).

4. UNDER EITHER VERSION ABOVE, MAP TRAINING FUNDS WOULD BE UTILIZED FOR AIRCRAFT-RELATED CADRE TRAINING AND SUPPLEMENTAL TRAINING, AS OUTLINED IN USAF SURVEY TEAM REPORT. AS WE READ REF A, DETAILED PROJECTION OF TYPES OF TRAINING NOT RPT NOT REQUIRED AT THIS TIME. FY 76 MAP TRAINING FUNDS OF \$1.0 MILLION SHOULD BE ADEQUATE. REF A AS RECEIVED STATES THAT TRANSITIONAL QUARTER (JUL-CONFIDENTIAL

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SEP 1976) IS TO BE AUTHORIZED AT .025 MILLION, EQUALS 25 THOUSAND. SHOULD THIS READ .25 MILLION, EQUALS 250 THOUSAND?

5. ADDRESSEES WILL NOTE (PARA 2 ABOVE) THAT ALLOCATION OF ONLY \$2.0 MILLION FMS CREDIT FOR FY 76 LEAVES BALANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 7 MILLION FOR FUTURE FUNDING PLUS ADDITIONAL AMOUNT (UNKNOWN) FOR NAVIGATION SYSTEM MODI-

FICATIONS IN ORDER IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF USAF SURVEY TEAM. THIS EXCLUDES COST OF ORDINANCE WHICH CAN- NOT BE FUNDED FMS. GIVEN DELAY IN RESOLVING AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY PROBLEM, THIS MAY BE REALISTIC FUNDING TIME- TABLE, BUT -- IF AN F-5A/B PACKAGE STILL APPEARS FEASIBLE -- WE WOULD WELCOME EUCOM AND SECDEF COMMENTS ON LIKELIHOOD THAT TWO-YEAR TARGET DATE FOR OPERATIONAL SYSTEM CAN BE MET UNDER SUCH TIMETABLE, ASSUMING SIGNATURE OF LOA IN SECOND QUARTER OF FY 76.

6. JUSTIFICATION FOR KENYA FMS PROGRAM IS SET FORTH AT LENGTH IN PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION SIGNED EARLIER THIS YEAR. ADDITIONAL FACTOR NOW IS POTENTIAL DANGER TO US- KENYA RELATIONS IF FUNDING SHOULD NOT BE PROVIDED, SINCE GOK EXPECTATIONS HAVE RISEN AS RESULT OF TWO SURVEY TEAM VISITS AND GOK INTENTIONS HAVE NOW BECOME PUBLIC KNOW- LEDGE.

7. IN SUM, RESPONSE TO REF B WILL DETERMINE WHETHER AN F-5A/B PACKAGE IS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO KENYA; IF NOT, WHAT ARE THE ALTERNATIVES. THIS DECISION JDLL DETERMINE THE LEVEL OF FINANCING.
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